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The petition filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

The amendment filed on Jun 1, 2000 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- entered.
- entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
- disapproved. See explanation below.
- entered in part. See explanation below.

The nature of the amendment precludes entry. A substitute specification would be required. Plus, the amendments made appear to be more than minor formal matters but rather matters bearing material to the merits and scope of the claims. Such is improper where prosecution is closed.



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